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The Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, for the period from 1 to 8 October 1952:

1. Coal stocks and consumption of coal for operational use
(in metric tons):

| | Date in October | Hard Coal | Raw Brown Coal | Brown Coal Briquettes | Coke | Brown Coal Dust |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Total Stocks | 1 | 130,241 | 18,710 | 75,079 | 1,855 | 1,042 |
| | 2 | 152,066 | 18,712 | 73,335 | 1,883 | 947 |
| | 3 | 133,084 | 18,533 | 75,557 | 1,879 | 1,013 |
| | 4) | 134,613 | 18,813 | 74,583 | 1,876 | 1,002 |
| | 5) | 135,889 | 18,741 | 74,700 | 1,883 | 1,080 |
| | 6) | 136,244 | 18,949 | 78,172 | 1,904 | 864 |
| Daily Consumption | 1 | 2,270 (2,211) | 1,191 (220) | 16,171 (14,988) | 30 (-) | 359 (359) |
| | 2 | 2,571 (2,503) | 981 (213) | 15,663 (14,686) | 24 (-) | 318 (318) |
| | 3 | 2,763 (2,638) | 1,091 (211) | 15,957 (15,034) | 26 (-) | 321 (321) |
| | 4) | 4,863 (4,804) | 1,491 (442) | 31,141 (30,117) | 36 (-) | 980 (980) |
| | 5) | 5,017 (4,953) | 1,712 (442) | 32,386 (30,779) | 29 (-) | 595 (595) |
| | 6) | 2,715 (2,602) | 1,112 (218) | 16,693 (15,269) | 19 (-) | 524 (524) |

Note. The figures in parentheses refer to the coal consumed by locomotives.

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2. Backlog of loaded cars:

| Date in October | Poland and U.S.S.R. | Baltic Sea Ports | Within Eastern Germany | Ferry Traffic to Sweden | Total |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1 | 186 | 81 | 2,406 | 66 | 2,739 |
| 2 | 255 | - | 1,974 | 61 | 2,290 |
| 3 | 107 | - | 1,441 | 57 | 1,605 |
| 4 | 167 | - | 1,474 | 37 | 1,678 |
| 5 | 117 | - | 1,356 | 24 | 1,497 |
| 6 | 131 | - | 1,368 | 10 | 1,509 |
| 7 | 281 | - | 1,719 | 68 | 2,068 |
| 8 | 270 | - | 1,541 | 82 | 1,893 |

3. Park of operational railroad cars:

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|------|---|
| 1 October | 94,175 | cars | |
| 2 " | 94,719 | " | |
| 3 " | 93,859 | " | |
| 4 " | 93,829 | " | |
| 5 " | 92,066 | " | |
| 6 " | 93,076 | " | |
| 7 " | 93,158 | " | |
| 8 " | 93,023 | " | 1 |

4. Miscellaneous:

On 7 October 1952, 20 cars of a freight train were derailed near the Belzig railroad station on the Golzow-Belzig line because of a rail breakage. The line was blocked until 8 October. ²

1. Comment. As compared with the last reported status of 30 September 1952, coal stocks continued to increase by 9,828 tons to a total of 236,133 tons. Hard coal stocks increased by 8,489 tons. According to the new daily coal consumption quota of 19,300 tons, total coal stocks were adequate for 12.2 days' requirements. The backlog of undispatched cars though slightly decreasing was still 300 to 400 percent above the normal level. There was no material change in the number of operational railroad cars.

2. Comment. This accident again reveals the poor physical status of tracks in Eastern Germany. A total of 2,056 rail breakages was registered in 1951.

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